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JUNE ACREAGE

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Soybean planted acres in South Dakota in 2003 total 4.10 million, down 4 percent from last year. Biotechnology varieties were planted on 91 percent of the soybean acres in South Dakota, up from 89 percent last year. In the United States 81 percent of the soybean acreage was seeded with biotechnology seed, up from 75 percent last year.

Winter wheat acreage seeded last fall totaled 1.60 million, up 23 percent from the 2002 crop. Acres intended for harvest, based on June 1 conditions, are expected to be 1.52 million, an increase of 80,000 acres from the May 1 estimate. This is still well above the 625,000 winter wheat acres harvested last year.

Other spring wheat plantings totaled 1.40 million acres, down 18 percent from last year. **Durum wheat** plantings, at 25,000, were down 5,000 acres from last year.

All sunflower acres, at 465,000 planted, are 27 percent below 2002 acreage levels. **Oil sunflower** account for 430,000 acres, down 20 percent from last year. **Non-oil sunflower** acres planted, at 35,000, are down 67 percent from last year.

Oats, at 460,000 acres planted, are up 2 percent from last year. Producers intend to harvest 220,000 acres for grain, up 120 percent from 2002. **Sorghum**, at 270,000 acres planted, is 23 percent above last year. **Proso millet** seedings totaled 170,000 acres, up 70 percent from last year.

Barley planted acreage totaled 85,000 acres, up 6 percent from last year. **Flaxseed** plantings, at 12,000 acres, are unchanged from last year. **Rye** planted acres, at 15,000, are also unchanged from 2002.

All hay harvested acres are expected to total 4.50 million, up 13 percent from 2002. **Alfalfa** hay is to be harvested from 2.60 million acres, up 8 percent, while **other hay** is expected to be harvested from 1.90 million acres, up 19 percent from last year.

This report is based on a statewide survey of producers conducted between May 29 and June 14, and reflects acreages as of June 1. Updated harvested acreages and forecasted yields will be published during the growing season.

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